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Direct Cert is OpenAgain!!

Dear Direct Cert Users,

Great News! The Direct Cert system is now open again! YEAH!!!

The system was down for almost four days; therefore, we will be giving a one-week extension on the dates by which the upload must be completed. Any districts that start school on or before 8/20 must complete a successful upload by **8/24**, and any districts starting school after 8/20 will have until **9/7** to complete a successful upload.

If you have already completed your upload, thank you. Please note, though, that we now have updated Human Services data, so we would encourage you to upload again to see if you can match any additional students.

Remember that students on any match report are eligible for free meals for the whole year. So, if a student appears on the first but not the second match report, he is still eligible. Also remember, though, that benefits cannot be retroactive. So, for any lucky  districts that have already started school, if a student only now appears on your new/second match report, his benefits cannot be backdated to the beginning of the school year. Please keep all match reports for the year on file.

The second required upload will be in mid-November. I will keep you posted on the exact timeframe once we get closer to this date. Also remember that districts are encouraged to upload throughout the year, especially to try to match any newly enrolled students.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your patience with this process.

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